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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6214

BILL NUMBER: SB 78

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 23, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Jan 16, 2003

SUBJECT: Academic honors diploma awards.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Meeks R

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Cochran

BILL STATUS: As Passed - Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires a school corporation to use money received as an academic honors diploma award for expenditures directly related to the school corporation's academic honors diploma program or programs for high ability students. It requires a school corporation to submit a report to the Department of Education concerning how the award money was spent.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) The bill removes the ability of local schools to use the Honors Awards to grant monetary awards to students receiving an honors diploma. During the 2001-2002 school year, 67 schools granted honors diploma monetary awards of approximately \$1.7 M. During the 2000-2001 school year, 56 schools granted honors diploma monetary awards of \$1.2 M. During the 1999-2000 school year, 49 schools granted honors diploma monetary awards of \$850,000. The Honors Diploma Award Grant was approximately \$10.2 M for the 1999-2000 school year, \$11.9 M for the 2000-2001 school year, and \$13.4 M for the 2001-2002 school year. If a school does not submit the required report then they are not eligible to receive an award until the report is submitted.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local schools.

Information Sources: Department of Education Biannual School Financial Data.

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